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BRIEFS by PORTIA

Comes it now when we as individual citizens and as a nation must formulate our plans for peace. Practical plans which take into consideration that the greatly to be desired brotherhood of man still is in the blue print stage. (To change the figure) it is the beam we must follow on our course to permanent peace and it is essential that we stay on the beam, but let us have no illusions! The first faint sounds of international understanding are SIGNALS leading us toward our goal and not an all-clear to come in and make a landing.

One of the primary and most important means of maintaining peace is for the United States to continue to control the bases necessary for the defense of this continent and this hemisphere.

Every American must appreciate the inter-dependence of the nations of the earth, economically, politically, spiritually and geographically. To exert a beneficial influence economically, politically, and spiritually, we must be in an advantageous position geographically. It is a recognized fact that global respect is in direct ratio to global supremacy. Wherever we have political commitments we must of necessity have bases and since our sphere of influence is world-wide, our bases must be world-wide.

The widening of our sphere of influence has come not through our seeking but through the need of other nations for our monetary and military aid and for idealistic leadership. While our help still is demanded desperately let us be practical and stake permanent claims for the needed outlying bases. The very fact that we are established in such bases should be an insurance against war but if another conflagration is ignited, those same bases would be a safeguard for our men and material.

To win this and future world series, we must keep the bases loaded, loaded with our men and what it takes to maintain global law and order.

BOMBS AWAY!

We wish to propose a candidate for the bombardier school. Our paper boy! He never fails to hit the bull's eye. This modern dead-eye-Dick doesn't need the new electronic bomb sight to contact the target. He'd be a credit to the crew of any Super-Fort and could blast Hirohito's hide-out on the first try.

All of Menlo Park can be as dry as the contents of the Congressional Record, save for the one small puddle on our terrace but our peddler of the fruits of the press has briefted his mission so well on the first throw that our paper splashes in the nepths of Neptune's miniature domain and our paper is all washed up, but definitely!

DESIGN FOR LISTENING

What with the number and variety of programs offered over the air, "Design for Listening" is a composition that may have the confusion and chichi of a Victorian rococo painting or the beauty and simplicity of a Renaissance masterpiece. We'll take our rococos in museums, that is if museums will take them in the first place.

For sheer beauty and entertainment, the following programs rate in our "Design for Listening." The center of interest in the Sunday program pattern is the Standard Symphony Hour over NBC, on the San Francisco station, KPO. An interesting and pleasing innovation is the addition of noted singing stars, many of operatic caliber, who with the orchestra, render classic compositions and delightful ballad numbers. This hour's program, so well-balanced in its musical selections, is an opportunity for enjoyment that no one should miss, so come Sunday evening, be sure to tune in to KPO at 8:30.

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Central School Wants To Buy A Duck; "White Elephant" Auction Announced

Do you wanna buy a duck? The pupils of the Central school do—not for the dinner table but for the army. A "duck" is an amphibious vehicle used extensively by the army in the South Pacific. It either paddles its way through water or travels on land which makes it an indespensible piece of equipment.

At 10 o'clock this morning a "duck" will be on exhibit at the central school along with a display of accessories. Anyone interested is invited.

The Central school is trying to raise enough in war bonds to equal the purchase price of one of these army "ducks," according to Mrs. Jerome Potter, chairman of the bond drive for Menlo Park and unincorporated area.

Mrs. Potter also announced that anyone purchasing a bond, of any denomination, between December 1 and 13, would entitle some patient or member of the staff at Dibble Hospital to a musical comedy premier performance to be held soon at the Menlo Theatre.

"White Elephant" Auction.

On Tuesday night, December 12, at 8:00 o'clock, Menlo Park will witness something new to boost the sale of bonds. At the Central school a "white elephant" auction of merchandise donated by local merchants, will be sold to the highest bidder for bonds. A large crowd is anticipated and an honest to goodness auctioneer wil be on hand to make the sales.

Mrs. Potter says that the sales are very poor—so poor that she's ashamed to give the figures and added that more volunteers are needed for the bond booth as well as solicitors. Interested persons may get in touch with her either at the City Hall or at the Red Cross headquarters.

Trinity Auxiliary To Hear Lecture On Paintings

Something to look forward to is the talk on "Famous Madonna Paintings" which will be given by Mrs. John Daby, president of the San Jose Art History Club, following the Christmas luncheon of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Trinity Episcopal Church on Monday, Decembed 18, at the Parish House.

Mrs. Daby, a noted collector of fine reproductions of famous Madonna paintings, will illustrate her talk by showing some of the works in her collection.

The fact that many of the originals may not be seen until after the war is over and that some are threatened with destruction, makes more valuable the comprehensive collection of fine reproductions owned by Mrs. Daby, a member of the Episcopal Church in San Jose.

Program chairman is Mrs. Clarence G. Lane.

The regular December business meeting of the Auxiliary will be held next Monday, the 4th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish House. Mrs. Hynson is president of the group.

OBSERVANCE OF ADVENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

With Advent Sunday, December 3, marking the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, there will be a special observance of the day at the Trinity Episcopal Church where there will be corporate Communion for the men and boys of the parish.

Reverend Charles Fritz, rector, will officiate at the service. Following the communion service there will be a breakfast at the Parish House.

Pupils, Teachers of Central To Receive Certificate

American Legion Post 443 of Menlo Park will award a certificate of merit to the pupils and teachers of the Central School tomorrow in the school auditorium.

The certificate is for their outstanding work in the sale of war bonds and stamps, scrap salvage drives, Jr. Red Cross activities, Russian War Relief; Christmas boxes for children of Europe, collection of costume jewelry for soldiers in the South Pacific, necessary for war activities.

Joseph Kelly will make the presentation and he hopes to have a veteran from Dibble Hospital to give a talk to the children.

Las Lomitas PTA Bazaar Friday

Pastries, potted plants, candies, a quilt and intriguing articles in a white elephant booth will be among the items on sale at the annual Christmas Bazaar being given tomorrow evening, December 1, by the Las Lomitas PTA at the school.

The Bazaar will open at 7:30 p. m. with a short program featuring choral renditions of "Silent Night" and "White Christmas," by the school chorus under the direction of Charles Niederhauser.

"Five Chinese Brothers" is the title of the one-act play being presented by members of the fifth and sixth grades under the direction of Mrs. Tully Knowles, Jr.

There will be an opportunity to stock up both the larder and the garden, for there are to be potted plants, seedlings, and flats of annuals and perrenials on sale and homemade pies, cakes and cookies.

There will also be dancing in the auditorium for the young people.

Members of the committee are Mrs. Lyman Harrington, chairman, assisted by Mrs. F. B. Small, Mrs. David Bohannon, Mrs. Kay Knudsen, Mrs. Hilda Hardcastle, Mrs. Walter Scheib, Mrs. Leo Roselyn, Mrs. Earl Carder, Mrs. David Neilson, Mrs. Vernon Barker, Mrs. Knowles, and Mrs. Paul Bonnet.

The regular PTA meeting will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon and after a brief business session the members will devote their time to the preparations for the bazaar.

Couple Married At AWVS Lounge

What with wartime shortages, Pvt. Hollis Earl Roberts, USA, and his bride, Cpl. Ellen C. Fetter, WAC were only showered with good wishes instead of the customary rice and old shoes following their marriage at the AWVS Lounge last Saturday evening.

Calla lillies and white chrysanthemums decorated the improvised altar which had been arranged for the first wedding to take place in the Lounge.

The bride, the daughter of Frank Albert Fetter, professor emeritus of Princeton University and Mrs. Fetter, was given in marriage by Mayor Donald Fisher. The bride's commanding officer at the San Mateo recruiting station, Lt. Sophie Webster, was matron of honor. Both she and the bride wore dress uniforms.

Dolores Cuff and Jeanette Shephard were bridesmaids. Their gowns were of shell pink net fashioned alike with sweetheart neckline, tight basque, and full skirts. They carried formal colonial nosegays of pink roses and blue delphinium with long blue ribbon streamers.

The groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Roberts of Coffeeville, Alabama, had as his best man David Mosses.

Judge Edward J. Ryan married the young couple.

Acting as hostesses at the reception which followed the ceremony were Mrs. David Mosses gowned in powder blue crepe made with snug-fitting waist and long full skirt, and Mrs. Myrtle Stewart, who chose a frock of crepe with a floral print on a pale green background.

Mrs. Witzel was responsible for the stunning floral arrangements and she wore a striking gown combining a scarlet blouse with a long black pencil line skirt.

A little later the young couple hope to be able to arrange furloughs so that they may visit their families on the east coast.

Your City's Business

BY CHARLES P. BURGESS

ED. NOTE: Mr. Burgess has been a member of the Menlo Park City Council for two and a half years. By profession he is a municipal credit analyst, and is familiar with the financial and economic problems facing cities generally.

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Property taxpayers in the City of Menlo Park found their recently received tax bills almost exactly 10 per cent higher this year than last. (For what consolation it may contain, increases in the neighboring Ravenswood School District ran close to 50 per cent.) The tax rate this year in Menlo is $4.2126 per $100 of assessed valuation, compared with $3.8305 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944. The owner of a typical Menlo Park home will pay in taxes this year about $67 compared with $61 last year. Of the $67 about $16 (or the equivalent of $1.33 a month) is levied for the support of the government of the City of Menlo Park. The balance goes to San Mateo County, to the school districts, and to various special districts, over whose tax rates and expenditures the City of Menlo Park City Council has little knowledge and no control. The city tax rate is now at its legal limit of $1.00, beyond which it cannot be raised except by vote of the people.

The increase in the tax rate this year of approximately 38 cents per $100 of assessed valuation was accounted for as follows:

San Mateo County	$1.15 up	$.08
Sequoia H. S. Dist.	.72 up	.08
Menlo Park Sch. Dist.	.45 up	.03
City of Menlo Park	1.00 up	.16
Other Spec. Dist.	.89 dwn.	.02
Total	$4.21 up	$.38

The increased city rate this year was due entirely to a special 16 cent levy to match State of California funds allocated to Menlo Park for the purpose of preparing plans and acquiring sites for post-war public improvements. In subsequent articles in this series, this planning program will be discussed, together with other matters pertaining to the city's finances. Prior thereto, however, the various overlapping taxing units will be covered, with an explanation of their services to the public, a description of their governing bodies, and some comparative data on their costs to the taxpayer.

(Next Week: San Mateo County)

MENLO PARENT-TEACHERS PLAN DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of Menlo Park PTA will be held on Friday, December 8, Central School auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

The topic of discussion will be "Free Time Religious Training," a symposium by the Religious Education Council Congress Committee.

A silver tea will take place during the social hour to follow.

Members of the executive board are reminded of their meeting Friday, December 1 at 2 o'clock in the music room at Central School.

Through the kindness of Father McKeon, a victrola has been obtained for Fremont school.

Candlelight Tea

The Restitive and Aria, "He Shall Feed His Flocks" from Handel's Christmas Oratorio sung by Mrs. Phillip Miebach, Mrs. Roy Folger accompanying, will be one of the highlights of the program presented during the candlelight tea given by the Catholic Women's Literary Guild for the benefit of the Corpus Christi Monastery. The tea will be held on Friday, December 8, at the Palo Alto Community Center.

There will be a sale of Christmas gifts, among them pieces of the exquisite handiwork made by the community of the Monastery. Cakes, cookies, jams and jellies also will be sold.

Among the numbers to be given on the brief program are:

Songs, by Mrs. Miebach, accompanied by Mrs. Folger; A dramatic reading by Mrs. C. H. Beckwith of Belmont; Recitations by Miss Louise Daly of Burlingame.

Presiding at the tea table are to be Mrs. Walter S. Baker and Mrs. Helen Forster.

Tickets including tea service will be one dollar.

Due to the tea there will be no December meeting of the Guild but the meeting will be renewed with the first Friday in January.

● Friends of Mrs. Lloyd Neumann will be happy to learn that she is recovering nicely from a recent major operation.

Player's Guild Scores Another Hit

Menlo Player's Guild presented "The Mad Hatters" last Friday and Saturday nights before two large and enthusiastic audiences. The stage setting was beautiful and the costumes worn by the women in the cast were colorful and attractive.

Several members of the cast were old tried and true performers, while others appeared for the first time before a Menlo audience. In fact, it was a first appearance on any stage for some of the players.

Dorothy Sterling playing the athletic Gigi Hatter, gave a fine performance and on the second night of the play, skillfully ad libbed herself out of a tight spot when a property bag which should have been on the stage was missing. No seasoned player could have gotten that bag on stage in a better manner than this young girl did.

Jane George almost stole the show as Angelica, the maid. It was a comedy role and she got every bit of comedy that was written for the part and some extra comedy that she put into the role herself.

Danny Daniels got many laughs out of the part of Bunny Hatter, the candid camera fiend. He took pictures from the top of a step-ladder, on his knees, flat on the floor, and from every possible angle. Dr. Louis Rothenberg turned in a fine performance as Joe Hatter, the inveterate fisherman. His playing of his role was remarkable, considering it was his first experience on the stage.

Likewise, the performance of Mona Rothenberg, as Clara Theldon, the Hollywood movie talent scout. This was a first appearance on stage for her also.

Ethel Gaines gave a well nigh perfect performance as the flighty, stage-struck Margaret Hatter. Her's was a Billie Burke role and there were times when her voice was so like that actress's that it was uncanny. Edna Crane-Burchfield, also playing the role of a passe actress, played most of her few scenes opposite Mrs. Gaines. They made a good team.

Betty Lomax, always to be counted on for a fine performance, did a splendid piece of work as Grandma Hatter, making the choleric old lady a lovable character, in spite of her irascibility.

Nellie McLoughlin made a sweet and appealing little heroine. She was especially good in the scenes where she lost her temper and flew to the defense of her shy and brow-beaten lover, the unsuccessful playwright. That role was played by John Drinkrow. This was a first time on the stage for John and he gave a good performance as the author who is trying to cut loose from his mother's apron strings. Ione Drinkrow was excellent as the aspiring young actress who comes to the Hatter house to try-out for a part in a play and ends by falling in love with the son of the Hatter family.

Uno Ahlenius had a part which didn't take him so far out of character at that. He played the part of an athletic instructor and a good job he made of it. Along with his athletics he took a crack at love making.

A. Clay Gaines, director of the group, should be gratified, as each player gave his or her best to the individual role and the play as a whole, moved along with considerable smoothness.

We are looking forward to the next production to be given by the Menlo Player's Guild.

"SINGSPIRATION" PLANNED AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Everyone loves to sing and everyone will have an opportunity to join in a community sing Sunday evening, December 3, at 8:45 p.m., when a "Singspiration", with Everett Carlson of Atherton as song leader, is held at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

Singspirations, which originated in Redwood City about a year ago are held the first Sunday of each month at which time groups from various churches join together in song. At these musical meetings Mrs. A. B. Skare of Menlo Park is the accompanist.

DINNER PARTY FOR WM. ALBERT KAISER

Friends gathered at the home of Mrs. George Bonz, 179 Almendral avenue to welcome her son William Albert Kaiser, on leave from the Coast Guard for a few days.

William was with an amphibious group in the European theatre for the past several months.

Guests who enjoyed a dinner in his honor were Cadet and Mrs. Donald Outsen, Corp. Jim Martens, Corp. Walter Wolf, Capt. and Mrs. Ralph Ferrier, Miss Ruth Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fadelis, and Dolores and Joyce Kaiser.

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Whirlwind Council Meeting; Cook Rezoning Approved

A whirlwind City Council meeting was witnessed Tuesday night when it took only ten minuted to complete the necessary business.

Mrs. Jerome Potter, chairman of the Sixth War Loan Drive for Menlo Park and unincorporated area, asked the city to make a purchase of war bonds. Mayor Donald Fisher said it was already planned and she would hear more about it at the next meeting. Mrs. Potter also announced the "white elephant" auction to be held on the evening of December 12 at the Central school.

Councilman Wallace Brown tendered a motion for the appointment of Bud Roach for the Chief of Police. It is understood that the council members were to interview the police force and decide for whom to vote instead of holding a competitive examination. Charles Burgess said he had not talked with Bud Roach yet and was not in the position to vote. It was decided to carry the matter over to the next meeting.

John Fennacy, an architect, was appointed a member of the planning commission to fill the vacancy left by the late John H. Sullivan.

City Attorney James O'Keefe brought to the attention of the council two suggestions by the police department. The first, a method whereby the garbage collectors notify the city health department of any residence that is without disposal service. In the past it has been difficult to earmark these places but it was felt the collectors themselves were in a better position to locate them and make a report. A local ordinance requires that every residence have garbage disposal service. The suggestion met with the council's approval and the garbage company will be notified to take action.

O'Keefe also asked the Council what they wanted done in regard to a traffic violator, Court Newton, who had done $32 worth of property damage to police equipment. According to O'Keefe, Newton was notified several times to pay the claim and each time it was avoided. It was decided, however, to give him one more chance before filing suit against him.

The meeting was adjourned until 8:00 o'clock at which time a public hearing was set regarding the rezoning of the SE one-half of lot 5, Blake Tract from residential to commercial. There were no protests and the council acted on the recommendation of the planning commission to rezone the property to commercial. The request for rezoning was made by Mr. and Mrs. Cook, owners of Cook's Laboratory, who plan to erect a building on the site for the manufacture of radio parts.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 7:30 at the City Hall.

Coming to Menlo!

"The Song of Bernadette," a motion picture hailed as the greatest picture ever made will be at the Menlo Theatre beginning next Tuesday for two days. The picture has an excellent cast, Jennifer Jones, Vincent Price, and Charles Bickford are among the featured players. Truly a film worth seeing. Special prices for this engagement only are $1.10 for adults; 76 cents for servicemen and 55 cents for children.

Advt.

Stephen Foster Program Tomorrow Evening

Banjos will be ringing, fiddles playing and voices blending in the gay and the poignant melodies of Stephen Foster, the famous composer of American folk song, when the Philathea Circle presents its musical evening, A Night of Stephen Foster, tomorrow evening, December 1, at 8 o'clock in the social room of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. There will be vocal and instrumental renditions of the songs of Stephen Foster woven together by the reading of a short script dealing with interesting episodes in the life of the noted composer.

Out of Godey's Lady Book will step the performers and the committee gowned in rich silks, heavy satins and wearing opera bonnets and paisley shawls. High hats, white ties and tails of the vintage of half a century ago will be worn by some of the men.

Following the musicale, refreshments will be served with Mrs. Don Emerson Hall, Mrs. Vincent Cleveland, Mrs. Elizabeth Turbett and Mrs. Chalmer L. Mills presiding at the urns.

Ushers of the concert are to be Eddie Banta and James Kennemer.

Mrs. A. B. Skare, general chairman, invites all who are interested to attend. A silver offering will be taken up to be used for the projects of the Philathea Circle.

The evening's program is as follows:

"Old Uncle Ned," Billy White, Negro baritone of Palo Alto.

"O, Susannah," banjo number by Frances Symons of El Cerrito.

"Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair," violin number by Bill Courtney of San Jose.

"Old Black Joe," Billy White.

"Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," Billy Borland of Palo Alto.

"Hard Times Come Again No More," Treble Choir of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

"Old Folks at Home," Miss Thomasine Alexander of Redwood City.

"Ring De Banjo," Frances Symons.

"Slumber My Darling," Mrs. W. Emerson Smith of Menlo Park.

"Beautiful Dreamer," Billy Borland.

"My Old Kentucky Home," Billy White with background accompaniment.

Charles Pennypacker Smith will be the commentator.

In addition to Mrs. Skare, members of the committee include Mrs. Paul Bryant, Mrs. Vera Lightbody, Mrs. Charles Pennypacker Smith and Miss Etta MacDonald.

SECOND BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR DAVID DELANEY

Little David Delaney celebrated his second birthday with a party at his parent's home on Berkeley avenue. His guests were Patty and Susie Silva, Jimmy, Patsy and Ann Louise Charkins, Richard Siegfried, Ronnie and Bobby Potter, Gordon and Ronnie Baker, Nancy and Dick Monroe, Richard McDermott, Alice Yount, George Wood and his Maternal grandmother, Mrs. Esther Judge. All the children were accompanied by their mothers who spent a social afternoon while the children played games topped off with cake and ice cream.

Word From Lt. Robert Bush

From all points of the compass come news stories of local men and women who are demonstrating their ability with the armed forces. From the Southwest Pacific comes word of Lt. Robert Bush, USN, of 130 Selby Lane.

As squadron intelligence officer aboard an aircraft carrier, it is Lieutenant Bush's duty to gather information from returning pilots and from the collected bits, complete an accurate report on the action in which the pilots participated.

The squadron's first combat mission had as its objective, Manila. In spite of anti-aircraft fire, enemy fighter planes, the youthful flyers used their eight months of routine training to advantage and brought the raid to a most successful conclusion. Upon their return to the carrier, each of the young pilots tried to maintain the calm of "Flip Corcoran" but it took a bit of doing after the thrill of completing such an eventful first mission.

In September, Lieutenant Bush spent a brief leave here with his wife, the former Lovey Fay, and his children, Colonel, Judy and Baby Sister.

Whist Party

Junior Native Daughters Whist Party Friday, December 1, 8 30 at Central school. Score cards 25 cents. Refreshments 10 cents. Public invited.

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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

BY PORTIA

STARS AND HOLLY

These days, dates on the social calendar are marked with silver stars and circled with holly for Christmas is the central theme for the month of December.

Scarlet tapers, silver stars, Christmas berries and festoons of fragrant greens will "deck the hall" for the Christmas Party of the Menlo Park Woman's Club on Tuesday, December 5.

A buffet luncheon will be served and the tables will be arranged with miniature Christmas trees and silver candelabra bearing slender scarlet tapers.

The Christmas program planned, includes carols rendered by The Tuesday Morning Choral Group of Palo Alto, under the direction of Mrs. Allan Emery and a talk, "Reading the Bible for Pleasure," given by Mrs. Howard Ray.

Chairman of the day is Mrs. J. A. Buchman and hostesses for the affair include Mrs. Jack Glunz, Jr., Mrs. W. M. Gwinn, Mrs. E. J. Wiener, Mrs. Naomi Lipscomb, Mrs. L. E. Cutler, Mrs. A. Seiller, Mrs. Frank Tyrrell and Mrs. Florence Ohler.

Mrs. Ray R. Johnson is president of the organization.

SANTA'S PACKS

"You can dream, can't you?" and the most extravagant Christmas dreams can come true for the lucky recipients of the Santa Claus Packs to be given away at the traditional Christmas Party being given by the Woodside-Atherton Junior Auxiliary of the Stanford Convalescent Home for members and their friends on Saturday, December 16, at the Menlo Circus Club.

Nylons, cigarettes, Christmas cheer, Chanel No. 5, fitted luggage, wool blankets, toys, spices, are only a few of the museum pieces that will fill the three Santa's Packs to be given away during the party. The packs will bulge with luxurious items to delight every member of the family, is the promise of Mrs. Hugh David Phillips, chairman of the Auxiliary.

December 16 will be a gay and busy day for members. The Christmas Party will hold forth from 5 to 9 and that morning the group is to entertain local children with a Christmas Tree Party complete with candy canes, toys and Santa Claus, himself in person, plus a 16-foot Christmas tree. The hours for the children's party are from 10 to 2 with admission 35 cents. Proceeds go to the Fun Fund for the children of the convalescent home.

DINNER PARTY

Tomorrow evening Mr. and Mrs. Nathan King will entertain with an informal dinner to honor mail man, first class, Ray S. Bruton and Mrs. Bruton. It will be by way of a reunion for Mr. Bruton who is enjoying a brief visit home.

DINNER-DANCE

A gay beginning for the festive month of December is the dinner-dance being given Saturday evening, December 2, at the Menlo Circus Club for members and their friends.

SYMPHONY

The symphony holds the social spot this week end as tomorrow's concert opens the 33rd season of the San Francisco Symphony. A group of pupils from the Convent of the Sacred Heart to attend the series of concerts are Elizabeth Melgarde, Daphne Dibble, Rose Mary Barrett, Dolores Ryan, Georgio Thompson, Peggy Barrett, Jeanne Oviedo, Jane Nelson, Suzanne Hackwald, Betty Lassatovich, Alana Lee Smith, Joan Frolich, Mary Lee Cummings, Joan Bloch, Maria Louisa Piccirello, Joan Swan and Betty MacDonald.

THANKSGIVING POSTSCRIPT

A Thanksgiving postscript was the family dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Ashe Stewart at their home on Atherton avenue last Sunday. Their guests included their daughter, Mrs. Henry Kuechler, Jr., and her children, Sue, Sally and Heinie who spent Thanksgiving Day in San Raphael with the senior Kuechler family. Lt. Kuechler, USN is on sea duty.

Just the day before Thanksgiving the Stewarts returned from a three weeks visit to New York.

HOUSE GUESTS

After a fortnight of gilded autumn days in Menlo Park as the guest of Captain and Mrs. Leo Varty, Mrs. N. K. Ball has returned to her home in Chicago. Mrs. Ball is the aunt of Mrs. Varty.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Miniature Girls of the Golden West and Lone Rangers cantered about on a trim little pony at the birthday party Mr. and Mrs. John Heaphy gave to celebrate the eighth birthday of their son, John.

Red, white and blue formed the color scheme for the birthday table with tiny PT boats and overseas caps, made by Mrs. Heaphy, marking the place for each guest. Among those present were Patty Duff, Gwendolyn Patrick, Rosalee Abreu, Gale Derry, Betsy Van Epern, Sheila O'Brien, Susan Hardgrove, Marcia Gainer, Joan Lomax, Barbara Schenkel, Judy Himmelman, Pat Melvin, John Morey, Harry Morey, Mickey Martini, Jerry Sullivan, Sandy Spelman, John Ducato, Colonel Bush, John Lomax, Billy Morinan and Peter Fogarty.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

While friends are regretting that next week Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Perkins are moving to their new home on Park Boulevard in Palo Alto, they are consoling themselves with the thought that "Paly" is but a few steps south from Menlo Park.

Colonel Ray Elsmore, US Army Air Corps and Mrs. Elsmore have purchased the Perkins home on Cotton street.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS

Last week Mr. and Mrs. John Licata had as their guests Lt. Edward Salem USN and Mrs. Salem, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio. The Salems now are residing in Burlingame.

THANKSGIVING HOSTESS

A Thanksgiving hostess was Mrs. Frank Miller Jr., who entertained with a dinner at her home on Valparaiso avenue. Her guests included her mother, Mrs. Blanche Miller, her houseguest, Miss Taza Grollman of Modesto, Mrs. Arabella Shattuck and her children, John and Ellen, Mr. Charles Hewel and in keeping with wartime hospitality, several servicemen from Moffet Field.

SCOTT QUARTETTE

A very young addition to the young men about town is small Jimmy Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Scott of Chestnut street. Jimmy made his arrival last week at the Palo Alto Hospital. His three little sisters, Shirley, Jeanie and Charlotte are eagerly waiting to welcome him to the Scott home on Chestnut street.

AUTUMN WEDDING

Trinity Episcopal Church was the setting last Saturday afternoon, November 25, for the marriage of Elaine Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Barrett of Minnidoka, Idaho, and Dr. Joseph A. Guthrie, son of Dr. J. A. Guthrie and Mrs. Guthrie of Huntington, West Virginia.

Rev. Charles Edward Fritz, rector of Trinity Church, performed the wedding ceremony.

The young couple will reside in San Francisco where the bridegroom is assistant resident physician at the University of California hospital.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rumor has it that Santa Claus is to visit the annual Christmas Party of the Philathea Circle being given next Tuesday evening.

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At 8:30 on Saturday evenings, "Early American Music" is on the air over the Blue network, station KGO. "Early American Music" has the charm of all early Americana. The lilting tunes and the gay calls, even have boogie woogie addicts ready to join in a "grand right and left." "Early American Music has the tantalizing appeal of mulled wine and like that spicy drink, it may be enjoyed by any age listener.

A brilliant highlight in our "Design for Listening" is to be heard each Sunday morning at 10:30 over KPO. It is local program titled "Your Home." The program is a delightful mingling of music and narrative, cleverly woven together with a background of San Francisco material which not only is fascinating but informative, something to relish with that second cup of coffee during a late Sunday morning breakfast.

HOME SOON FROM EUROPE

Staff Sergeant Myles A. Gilmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilmer, Lemon avenue, is due to arrive in the United States soon on furlough from the European Theater of Operations where he served 7 months with the 15th Air Force as tail-gunner on a B-17, totaling 260 combat flying hours, completing 50 missions.

More Socials

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With the help of the visitor from the North Pole, the members will exchange amusing gifts.

Hostesses for the evening are Mrs. George Kennemer and Mrs. George Matteson. Miss Etta MacDonald is in charge of entertainment.

Mrs. Joseph Grebmeir will lead the devotional period and Mrs. Carles Angelo is to be the guest soloist for the evening.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Last Saturday evening, November 25, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Bock entertained with a dinner and theater party to honor their daughter, Carol, on her eleventh birthday.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wirz have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Tom Smith, son of Frank Smith, supervisor of maintenance at Menlo Junior College.

Barbara, a student at Sequoia High School, has a younger sister, Betty. Tom is a senior at Menlo Junior College and has two sisters, Mrs. August Canepa, the former Lona Fern Smith, and Mrs. Virginia Cohets of San Bruno.

FOR GOODNESS SAKE

Sauce for the goose or sauce for the gander or sauce for steaks, it makes little difference to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garat who are noted among their friends for their culinary achievements.

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● Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Jones arrived here from Minneapolis this week and intend to make Menlo Park their future home. Mrs. Jones is a sister of Mrs. Ray Fickes, Mrs. Joseph Horn and Mrs. Albin Johnson.

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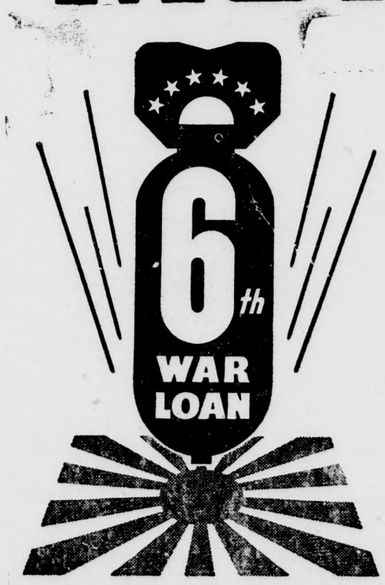
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MUSING & MEANDERING

By Edna Crane-Burchfield

Congratulations to the person or persons responsible for the pressed gravel sidewalk which has been laid in front and along the side of the Toyon Garage. Formerly that was a tough stretch of ground to cover when running for a train and it was no picnic to walk on in high heels.

I received a fine letter from Al Giannotti this week. He asks to be remembered to all his friends in Menlo. He writes that there has been a brief let-up in the work he and his companions have been doing and that for the past two or three weeks, he and some of the others have been making trips into the deeper jungle. They have visited villages and talked with the natives. It struck me that this must be intensely interesting, until Al states that "the weather veers from as hot as 130 degrees to 24 inches of rain in 36 hours and 2 inches a day for weeks on end." That, I would not care for. He writes that he receives the Recorder and enjoys reading what is happening in Menlo.

Because the Menlo Player's Guild production, the "Mad Hatters" was presented to the public last Friday and Saturday, I think a sort of little aftermath might be in order.

In the first place, the actors played to two fine audiences—not only from a standpoint of size, but of keen enthusiasm. On both nights the members of the audience laughed and laughed "out loud." They seemed to get the most out of every bit of comedy in the play. Grand audiences to play to.

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The play-reading committee which selects the plays produced by the Menlo Players Guild has no easy job. There as so many things which this group must take into consideration, before the final choice is submitted to the board of directors. In the first place there is the matter of royalties. Many plays which the committee would like to choose, have to be omitted because the royalty is too high. The local play-goers have really supported the last three productions, but prior to that time, the actors played to small audiences, with the result that the Guild was lucky to break even. If the townspeople continue the interest they have shown in the last three plays, higher royalty and better plays will follow as a matter of course. So much for that.

Also, the play-reading committee members are careful to choose plays that will not offend any race or religion and the Guild director, A. Clay Gaines, has absolutely banned any plays having riske situations or lines. Movies have made plays of this type extremely popular, but the Player's Guild never has and never will produce a play which contains vulgar situations or smutty lines.

Then here is another thing which must be taken into consideration. Up to the present time and possibly for some time to come, the Guild is not equipped to present a play which requires more than one stage setting. This eliminates many plays which otherwise answers all other requirements.

Another matter which has to be considered in the selection of a play is the scarcity of men. That is true of all little theatre groups on the peninsula. The manpower shortage hit some of them so hard that they had to "suspend animation" as it were, for the duration. The Player's Guild can no longer call on Jack O'Keefe, Bernard Doyle, Jesse Alexander, Bob Birchinell and many other whose names have slipped my memory. This situation narrows the selection of male players and must be considered in the choice of a play.

Last but not least—the Player's Guild, in the selection of plays, has refused to foist, so-called "arty" plays on the public. The actors have produced no melancholy Moscow Art plays, wherein everybody in the cast lies dead on the stage at the end of the third. No gloomy Tolstoy stuff where the play ends with the heroine throwing herself on the railroad track in front of a fast train. No Checkhoff or Dostoievski suicide epics where the leading man slits the leading woman's throat with a razor and blows his own brains out just before the final curtain falls. The director feels that people want something to make them laugh during these war days and not only the members of the play-reading committee but the members as a whole agree with him.

Musical plays and light opera are out. The Menlo Player's Guild is a play producing organization. Musicals belong to light opera groups.

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Members of the "Mad Hatters" cast and persons connected with the play were guests at a party given at the Gaines' home on University Drive following the Saturday night performance.

Recordings of various scenes from the play were made and refreshments served. During the evening, the group voted to send a check for $25, taken from the proceeds of the play, to the American Red Cross Camp and Hospital Service. The money will be used to buy Christmas boxes for men enroute aboard ship and on hospital trains.

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In an old book on London in Queen Elizabeth's time, I came across the following remedy for mad dog bite:

The patient must be blooded in in the arm and a mixture of ground liverwort and India pepper must be taken every morning. Then he must be dipped, all but his head in a tub of cold water for two hours each day. After this, he must be put between warm blankets and drink a mixture of cow's milk and crumbled marchpane." I'd rather have the dog bite.

This recipe reminded me of an old medical book, printed in the latter part of the 18th century which Leo Dunn, (now an officer in the U.S. Navy) found in a second hand book shop.

The remedies in that book were classics. I remember how he and I roared over this one:

"To cure stomach ache.

One gallon of black molasses.

One-fourth pound of ground pepper (they were death on pepper).

One cup of water in which nails have been allowed to rust. Add mixture to 3 gallons of water and simmer for three hours. When cold add one gallon of whisky. Take a large spoonful every hour," and then the writer adds:

"A negro man drank a quart of this at one time and after having three fits, was completely cured of his stomach ailment."

I should think he would be. It sounds like a permanent cure for anything you could name. It must have tasted like a slug of Singapore red-eye. No wonder the negro man had three fits.

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The first of this series of informal discussions will take place next Wednesday, December 6.

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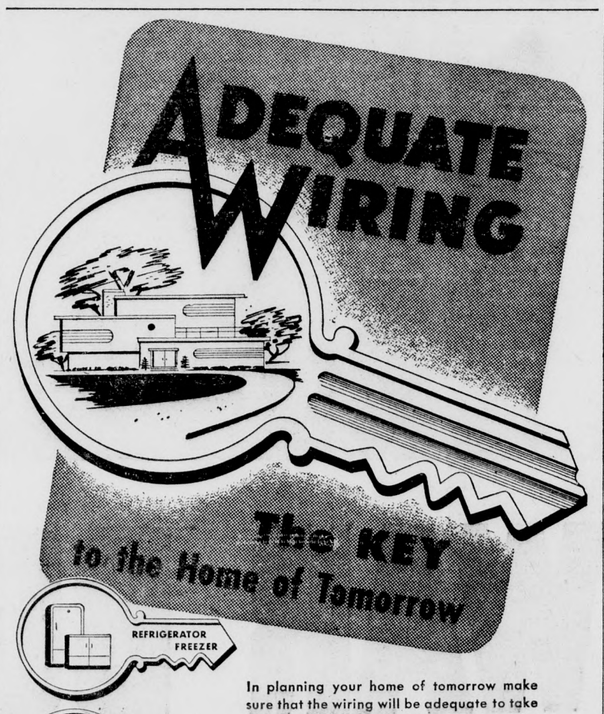
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